

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTHEASTERN

# Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

## SALEM CHURCH,

Jackson County, Miss., October 24, 25 and 26, 1891.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

R. POWELL, MODERATOR,  
CITRONELLE, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

N. S. PIERCE, CLERK AND TREASURER,  
Mobile, Mobile County, Ala.

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# MINUTES.

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The Messengers comprising the Southeastern Baptist Association met at Salem Church, Jackson County, Miss., on the 24th day of October, 1891, for the purpose of holding the Sixteenth Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Griffin, commencing at 11 o'clock. He selected for his text the 44th verse of the 27th Chapter of Acts, which reads as follows :

"Some on boards and some on broken pieces of the ship."

After which a recess was taken of one hour for refreshments.

The Delegates assembled at 2 o'clock and were called to order by the Moderator, R. Powell, who offered a prayer.

On motion the Association adopted the former order of business.

The Moderator then appointed the following Committees :

ON FINANCE.—William Howell and H. A. Lott.

ON PREACHING.—G. W. Daily, P. Mason and T. J. Evans.

Letters from the different Churches were received and the Delegates names enrolled, as follows : Pleasant Hill—R. Powell ; Rocky Creek—T. J. Evans, J. Mallet and C. Mallet ; Palestine—N. S. Pierce and Chas. McDuffee ; Bethel—H. A. Lott ; Salem—G. W. Daily and John Miller ; Macedonia—P. Mason ; Shady Grove—W. Howell and C. R. Howell ; Mission—Not represented ; Providence—Not represented ; Prospect—C. F. Jones and Joseph Wilkinson.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers, Bros. C. Pipkins and — McLoud were requested to receive the votes, which resulted in the choice of R. Powell for Moderator and N. S. Pierce for Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion it was decided to amend the Constitution to this effect : "That Ministers belonging to the Association have the same voice as a Delegate."

Petitionary Letters being called for one was received from Jackson County, Miss., from the hands of her Delegate, William Finch, under the name of New Hope. The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

Correspondence was called for, and Elder J. R. Newell was received from the Mobile Association. Also, a letter and package of Minutes from Leaf River Association, but no messengers. Also, Bro. Greene, from the Boughchitta Association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the two brothers.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator :

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.—C. Mallet and John Rogers.

QUERRIES AND REQUESTS.—William Howell and C. McDuffee.

STATE OF RELIGION.—C. F. Jones and John Miller.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. Wilkinson and P. Mason.

INFIRM MINISTERS.—C. R. Howell and T. J. Evans.

TEMPERANCE.—J. Mallet and William Finch.

MISSIONS.—W. Howell and Charles McDuffee. The Clerk was added to this Committee.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at nine o'clock.

## SABBATH EXERCISES.

At eleven o'clock Elder J. E. Brunson and J. P. Griffin preached to a large and attentive congregation. After which a collection was taken up amounting to \$16 55. At three o'clock Elder J. R. Newell preached and was followed by Elder T. Havard.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment and prayer was offered by the Moderator. The roll was called and absentees noted.

A call for Correspondence was made but none was reported.

Bro. A. Powell, of Gulf Coast Association, was received as a visitor.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and received.

## CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Letters and Documents was received and adopted.

See Appendix B.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools was received and adopted.

See Appendix C.

Committee on Missions received and adopted after discussion by Elders J. E. Brunson, T. Harvard, J. P. Griffin and others. See Appendix D.

Committee on Temperance received and adopted. See Appendix E.

Committee on Querries and Requests received and adopted.

See Appendix F.

Committee on State of Religion received and adopted. [See Appendix G.

Committee on Infirm Ministers received and adopted.

See Appendix H.

The Treasurer's Report was received and adopted. See Appendix I.

The report of the Finance Committee was received. See Appendix J.

## RESOLUTIONS.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk receive \$20 00 for his services this year.

It was resolved that this Association change its time of meeting from the Fourth Sabbath to the Second Sabbath in October, and remain so.

On motion the Association erased Mt. Pisgah and Good Hope Churches from the minutes.

It was recommended that this Association correspond with Macedonia and Leaf River Associations.

CALL FOR MESSENGERS.—To Macedonia: J. E. Brunson, J. P. Griffin, P. M. Mason and H. A. Lott; Leaf River, T. Havard, H. Brannan, W. Howell, C. Mallet, T. J. Evans and G. W. Daily.

Resolved, That the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be spread on the minutes.

Resolved, That Elder D. P. Booth preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, and that Elder T. Harvard be his alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and have three hundred copies printed.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the brethren and sisters and the community at large, at Salem Church, for the kindness shown our friends and delegates during our stay among them, and may God bless them, is our prayer.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Macedonia Church, Greene County, Miss., on Saturday before the Second Sabbath in October, 1892.

A parting hymn was sung while the brethren and sisters took the parting hand. Prayer was offered by Elder J. E. Brunson. The Association was dismissed with every appearance of general satisfaction.

N. S. PIERCE, Clerk and Treasurer. R. POWELL, MODERATOR.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

### [APPENDIX A.]

We, your Committee on Preaching, submit the following as our report: Preaching Saturday night at the Church by Elder J. R. Newell, to be followed by Elder J. E. Brunson; Sunday, at eleven o'clock, Elder J. E. Brunson, followed by J. P. Griffin; At three o'clock by Elder J. R. Newell, followed by T. Harvard; Sunday night, by J. P. Griffin, to be followed by J. E. Brunson.

G. W. DAILY, Chairman.

### [APPENDIX B.]

We, your Committee on Letters and Documents, submit the following as our report: We have no documents. There are eight churches represented at this session leaving four without representation. Those that are represented have pastors and most of them are in a prosperous condition. We find, also, that one church has been organized within the bounds of the Association during the year.

Respectfully submitted, CLEM MALLET, Chairman.

### [APPENDIX C.]

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report: We regret to say that there is not one reported. Oh! that our Heavenly Father would impress the important truth upon every parent, the necessity of raising their children in the way should go. May the spirit of God be in the breasts of the parents, and may the grace of God be bound up in their hearts, for Christ's sake, is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted, P. M. MASON, Chairman.

### [APPENDIX D.]

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report: We find that the Association had no Missionary this year, and that the work done in that field was voluntary by our ministers. We find that Elder J. E. Brunson has done all that he could; that he preached 35 sermons, baptized five persons, made 33 visits to private families in prayer, constituted one church, and that he has not received anything, worth mentioning. We recommend that he be kept at this good work, and that the money collected for missionary purposes be paid to him.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM HOWELL, Chairman.

### [APPENDIX E.]

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following as our report: We believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils that can be practised by professors of religion, and therefore recommend that the brethren abstain from this evil themselves, and to use their influence to keep all others from this dangerous habit.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. MALLET, Chairman.



## [APPENDIX F.]

We, your Committee on Querries and Requests submit the following as our report: We find that there are no querries and but one request. The request is from Macedonia Church, Greene Co., Miss., asking that the next session of this Association be held with that Church, and we recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES McDUFFEE, Chairman.

## [APPENDIX G.]

We, your Committee on the State of Religion, beg leave to make the following report: We find there are eight churches represented, in a living condition. All have supplies for the ensuing year. We have received one new church, which is in a prosperous condition. Dear brethren, let us endeavor in the future to do all the good we can for the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. JONES, Chairman.

## [APPENDIX H.]

We, your committee on Infirm Ministers, beg leave to report: We find but one infirm minister within the bounds of this Association, and he is not in need.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. J. EVANS, Chairman.

## [APPENDIX I.]

## TREASURER'S REPORT, 1891.

Received from the Churches for Associational purposes,...	\$20 30	
Sabbath Collections.....	20 80	
Missions from Enon Church .....	75	
From Treasury .....	11 55	
		<hr/> \$53 40
Paid for Printing Minutes and wrapping paper.....	\$15 20	
Paid Clerk .....	10 00	
Stationary and Postage, .....	50	
		<hr/> \$25 70
Balance in Treasury.....	\$27 70	

Respectfully submitted,  
N. S. PIERCE, Clerk and Treasurer.

## [APPENDIX J.]

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Received from the Churches for Associational purposes,.....	\$18 40
For missionary purposes, from Rocky Creek.....	1 00
Sabbath Collections.....	16 55
Received from Treasurer,.....	27 65
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Total .....	\$63 70

Respectfully submitted, H. A. LOTT, Chairman.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our Union, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to their seats, and members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. This Association shall annually, upon convening, proceed to choose from the members present, a Moderator and Clerk, to preside over the deliberations of the body and keep order, and to make correct entries and minutes of their proceedings; and in their deliberations they shall be governed by the Rules of Decorum annexed to this Constitution, which Rules may be altered or amended, as the Association may think proper.

Art. 3. This Association shall have no power to interfere with or infringe upon the internal rights or privileges of the Churches, but shall only be an "Advisory Council" and Convention of the Churches to answer such queries as are lawfully sent up by the Churches, and give such advice as may strengthen the Union and promote the happiness of the Churches.

Art. 4. Matters of dealing shall not be introduced by individual members, but sent up by the Church, clearly set forth in writing with a statement that they have striven to reconcile the matter, but have failed. Then the Association may take it under consideration, and a decision by a majority shall be an advisory answer.

Art. 5. All matters that relate to the secular business and progress of this Association as a body, with the preaching of the Word to the attending congregations at their annual sessions, must be introduced by motion.

Art. 6. This Association shall pass no resolution touching the liberty of the Churches, or the individual members, on pecuniary matters; but each shall have the privilege to act in the matter for themselves.

Art. 7. New Churches may be admitted into the union by messengers bearing letters of application, if, upon examination, they be found orderly and orthodox; and upon their reception the Moderator shall give the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 8. Each Church shall be entitled to Two Delegates, until her number shall amount to twenty-five members; and one additional Delegate for every twenty-five over.

Art. 9. The Churches shall transmit to each annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, the number received by Baptism, received by Letter, Dismissed, Excluded, Restored and Deceased, since the last meeting of the Association, together with the whole number then in fellowship.

Art. 10. This Association shall open and continue a correspondence with such of her sister Associations as she may think proper.

Art. 11. This Association shall have power to exclude from her body, or union, after due labor, any Church that may violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Art. 12. The Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by the voluntary contributions of the Churches, or otherwise, as may be gratuitously contributed; and all moneys contributed by the Churches, shall be transmitted by their messengers and paid over to the Clerk, who shall take in charge such fund and dispose of same agreeable to order, and at every annual session make a fair and circumstantial report thereon.

Art. 13. A suitable and well bound book for the Association shall be provided, in which the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Minutes of this and each succeeding session of this Association shall be legibly transcribed and recorded, properly paged and indexed, by or under the inspection of the Clerk, who shall be allowed and receive a compensation for his services; and it is also to be the duty of the Clerk of this Association, and each of the Churches, to procure, if practicable, and preserve a regular file of the Printed Minutes of this Association.

Art. 14. Any alteration of the Constitution may be made at any time while the Association is in session, by a vote of the majority of the members present.

Art. 15. All Ministers belonging to this Association shall have the same voice of the Delegates.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.—[1st John, 5th chapter, 7th verse; John, 17th chapter, 3d verse.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the rules of faith and practice.—[2nd Timothy, 3d chapter, 16th and 17th verses; Hebrews, 8th chapter, 6th verse.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world —[2d Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th verse; 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter, 13th verse; Ephesians, 1st chapter, 4th verse.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—[Romans, 2d chapter 11th to 18th verse; Romans, 5th chapter, 12th verse.

Art. 5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—[John, 6th chapter, 44th and 56th verses; Ephesians, 2d chapter, 1st, 8th and 9th verses.

Art. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.—[Romans, 4th chapter, 11th and 22d verses; John 14th chapter, 9th verse.

Art. 7. We believe that God's Elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.—[2d Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th verse; Romans, 8th chapter, 30th verse; 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter, 13th and 14th verses.

Art. 8. We believe that Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and never fall away.—[John, 10th chapter, 28th and 29th verses; Romans, 8th chapter, 38th and 39th verses; Psalms, 37th chapter, 31st, 32d and 33d verses.

Art. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by immersion is the only mode.—[Mathew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses; 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 23d, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th verses.

Art. 10. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead, and in the general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—[1st Corinthians, 15th chapter; John, 5th chapter, 28th and 29th verses.



Art. 11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptised, called to God, and comes under the hands of a Presbytery.—[Acts, 13th chapter, 2d and 3d verses; 1st Timothy, 4th chapter, 14th verse.

Art. 12. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.—[Mathew 28th Chapter, 19th 29th verses; 1st Corinthians, 11th chapter, 28th verse.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. The Association shall be opened by prayer or praise.

2d. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3d. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretional right to call to order at any time.

4th. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5th. But one shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, may proceed.

6th. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

7th. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject under debate, or use words of personal reflection.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

9th. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

10th. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the Moderator shall put the question fairly to the Association for a decision.

11th. Any person wishing to retire shall first obtain permission from the Moderator.

12th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without permission from the Association, no more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate has been carried through.

13th. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by its members in their address one to another.

14th. The roll of the names of delegates shall be called on Monday morning, and no names shall appear on the minutes who do not answer to their names, unless leave of absence be granted, or satisfactory excuse rendered.

15th. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which shall tend to interrupt public speaking.

16th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another member to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

17th. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the breach made.

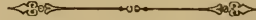
18th. These Rules may be altered or amended when a majority of the members present may think proper to do so.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

BELONGING TO THE

## SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BERRY BYRD,.....Citronelle, Mobile County, Ala.  
 J. E. BRUNSON, .....Vernal, Greene County, Miss.  
 THOMAS HAVARD, ..... Vernal, Greene County, Miss.  
 HENRY BRANNAN,..... Vernal, Greene County, Miss.  
 J. P. GRIFFIN, ..... Mobile, Mobile County, Ala.  
 JAMES LANKFORD, ..... Citronelle, Mobile County, Ala.  
 D. B. BOOTH,..... Deer Park, Washington Co., Ala



## FORM FOR ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER.

STATE OF ALABAMA, MOBILE COUNTY,

.....day of.....189...

We, the regular Baptist Church of Christ. at.....sendeth  
 Greetings to the Southeastern Baptist Association, convened at.....  
 Baptist Chnrch,.....County,.....State.

DEAR BRETHREN: We again prepare to meet you by Letter and Delegates, and for this purpose have chosen our beloved Brethren A. B. and C. D., and for Alternate E. D. to sit with you in council, to whom we refer for any information not contained in the following Statistical Table:

Baptized .....	Excluded .....
Received by Letter .....	Deceased .....
Restored .....	Males in Fellowship,.....
Dismissed by Letter,.....	Females in Fellowship .....
Ordained Ministers .....	Total in Fellowship.....
Number of Minutes required, .....	
Amount sent for Associational purposes.....	
Amount sent for Missionary purposes.....	
Our Postoffice is .....	
Our time of meeting is the.....	
Our Supply this year is Elder .....	

Done in Conference, by an order of the Church, this the.....  
 day of.....189...

Elder H— D—, MODERATOR.

C— D—, Church Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES —OF— DELEGATES.	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.	No Members.	Associational. Fund.	Time Meeting Number of Minutes	PASTORAL SUPPLIES.	CHURCH CLERKS.
Pleasant Hill,...	Mobile, Ala.....	Citronelle. ...	R. Powell.....	1	1	...	...	...	32	\$ 2 00	20	1	D. Henson.....	R. Powell.....
Rocky Creek,...	Greene, Miss....	Vernal.....	T. J. Evans, C. Mallet } J. Mallet .....	2	...	...	...	1	.76	3 00	30	4	L. Harward....	J. Harward ..
Palestine,.....	Mobile, Ala.....	Mobile .....	N. S. Pierce, C. McDuflfee,	...	1	1	...	1	.70	3 40	30	4	J. E. Brunson	N. S. Pierce, ..
Bethel,.....	Mobile, Ala.....	Citronelle ....	E. A. Lott,.....	1	2	...	1	1	.19	1 50	15	2	D. B. Booth..	A. J. Rowell ..
Providence,....	Mobile, Ala.....	Chickasabogue	Not Rep.resented.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem,.....	Jackson, Miss...	Moss Point ..	G. W. Dally, John Miller.	3	...	...	...	...	51	2 00	12	4	A. Walker....	J. Rogers.....
Macedonia,....	Greene, Miss....	Vernal.....	P. M. Mason .....	...	2	...	...	...	29	2 00	10	1	D. B. Booth..	E. Williford ..
Mission,.....	Mobile, Ala.....	Spring Hill....	Not Represented.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Standy Grove,...	Jackson, Miss...	Cross Roads...	W. Howell, C. R. Howell	3	3	...	...	1	.42	2 00	15	...	J. E. Brunson	J. B. Davis ..
Prospect,.....	Jackson, Miss ..	Orange Grove.	C. F. Jones, J. Wilkinson	3	2	...	...	...	20	1 50	10	4	...	C. F. Jones ...
New Hope, ....	Jackson, Miss...	...	William Finch .....	...	...	...	...	...	8	1 00	6	2	J. E. Prunson	...
...	...	...	...	11	4	4	5	00	4	347	\$18 40	148	...	...

